

that the maintenance of steel, automotive, aerospace and shipping is vital to our national security.

With China now getting bragging rights about how they are moving their auto industry forward and with America having about a \$700 billion trade deficit with China, isn't it time that America woke up and started restoring our auto industry instead of pushing it into bankruptcy?

DEBT DAY

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise because April 26 was Debt Day.

Debt Day is the day that the Federal Government runs out of revenue and starts paying for its reckless spending by borrowing more money. This means that all of the money spent by the Federal Government for the rest of the year will either be borrowed from other countries or, as the gentleman who preceded me here on this side of the aisle said, or borrowed from future generations.

Deficits are nothing new in Washington. And it is not a one-party disease. However, American families and small businesses across the country are tightening their belts, and certainly Congress needs to do the same.

Instead, the Obama administration offers a budget that doubles the national debt in 8 years, and by 2012, the American people will be paying \$1 billion per day in net interest on that debt.

The American people know that we cannot borrow and spend our way back to economic health. The path to economic recovery starts with fiscal responsibility.

I believe that the Federal Government should follow the example set by our Nation's families and eliminate unneeded and excessive spending.

HOUSTON ROCKETS

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. There comes a time when you need to acknowledge the hometown team and thank them for their best effort. The Rockets wanted to win. They put their heart in it. They came back in game 6. They came back in other games. They were down 20 points or more in other games. They lost by a large amount, but they came back. And boy, did they give us a game in game 6.

So you can see the faces of the Houston Rockets. And I'm cheering them on. Congratulations for getting into this part of the NBA, getting into what they have not done before, which is the playoffs. So I am grateful for the young team that they are. Some that don't

have height, we are aware of the injuries of some of our teammates, but Houston is very proud. And we celebrated our Houston Rockets because they did a darn good job. It is a good lesson for young people to know in the face of adversity, to keep on keeping on. That is what sports is all about. And that is what the message is when we tell our children to play, play fair, have good judgment, have integrity and keep on keeping on, and some day, you will be a winner.

Winners never quit, and quitters never win.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

AMERICANS ARE NOW IN THE CAR BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, the people of the United States are now in the car business. Our taxpayers own the majority share of Chrysler, and maybe General Motors before long.

Why? Wall Street financial shenanigans and fraud left banks without credit to loan to dealers and to consumers who wanted to buy cars in this very credit-sensitive auto sector.

The result? Car sales started plummeting last year, and this occurred despite the fact that the Big Three had reached an important plateau in the production of the cars of the future.

In 2007 Ford won 102 quality awards, including AutoPacific's Best in Class for three models and Germany's largest auto magazine's Auto 1 of Europe Award for its S-MAX.

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In 2008, Forbes awarded the 2008 Chrysler 300 "the highest-quality car in the near-luxury category" over the Audi A4, BMW 3 Series, Lexus IS, and Mercedes-Benz C Class.

Of the 15 global finalists for the 2008 Motor Trend Car of the Year Award, the Big Three manufactured nine, the Japanese only four, and the Europeans two. The 2008 winner was GM's Cadillac CTS, which Motor Trend described as "proof that Detroit can still build a world-class car."

America cannot afford to let the auto industry vanish any more than we can allow our national economy or defense to vanish. They are inextricably linked.

America needs an auto industry that competes on a level playing field globally. And America needs Presidential advisors who tell the President the truth.

And what is the truth?

Truth 1: The U.S. auto industry was poised to rebuild market share with its

new models until the Wall Street-manufactured financial crisis hit. In this situation, Wall Street is the perpetrator and our auto industry and our communities the victim.

Truth 2: The global market in which our auto sector competes has been far from fair for a very long time. Closed markets and tax and trade policies have really crippled our industry.

Truth 3: The unfair marketplace players include Japan, South Korea, and Communist China. Managed markets in Europe, as well, complicate the playing field.

Japan has the third largest economy in the world, but its automobile market is essentially closed to American carmakers. Import penetration in Japan by all foreign firms is less than 3 percent, while Japanese companies just in this country now command more than half of our market share.

Until recent cutbacks, one manufacturer, Chrysler Jeep turned out more vehicles at one factory, the Toledo North Assembly Plant, in a single month than the U.S. auto industry sold in Japan and Korea, combined, in an entire year. Superlative products made by U.S. workers in U.S. factories are still systematically barred entry into the closed markets of Asia: Japan, South Korea, and Communist China.

Truth 4: China and Mexico, whose workers build vehicles the majority of their populations cannot afford to buy, while being paid subhuman wages, export cars anywhere in the world. We are told now China and Mexico are poised, through GM restructuring, to deliver more cars to our country. That's right. To get GM profitable as fast as possible, America must continue to shut plants down and unemploy our own workers? What kind of a solution is that?

Millions of our own people are falling out of gainful employment, so we will use our tax dollars to deep-six U.S. workers while employing more Chinese and Mexican citizens? What sense does this make?

Why would any first-world nation leave its auto sector in shambles?

America's tax policy and our trade policy are seriously out of whack. Germany, through VAT, can export a vehicle here and get a 19 percent credit. Our vehicles there are saddled with a 19 percent tax. What's fair about managed markets all across the world that disadvantage autos from our Nation?

While the former administration and Wall Street placed our auto industry on the operating table, President Obama had best ask his White House advisors from Wall Street for the truth.

Why have the credit lines to the automotive sector been frozen for months, like a tourniquet, cutting off their blood supply?

Why are Japan and South Korea's markets still closed to American vehicles?

Why do nations like Germany employ a VAT tax to their advantage and our detriment?

Let's get real before this White House's Wall Street advisors ask our Nation to take more Chinese and Mexican car imports while thousands upon thousands of Main Street Americans hit the unemployment lines.

Here is the plain, unvarnished truth. The world might be flat in America because our markets are wide open, but tax-and-trade terrain is mountainous across the world for our country, surely in Asia and in Europe, in managed markets, and even on our own continent where tariff and nontariff barriers keep out our products.

What sense does it make for our middle class to prop up companies hitting bottom from this financial crisis only to have more jobs outsourced, resulting in more unemployment here and more citizens expecting care from our government?

It is time for this administration to employ section 201 trade relief in order to get our beleaguered industry back on its feet.

And frankly, it is time for some truth.

GITMO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the administration plans to close the state-of-the-art Guantanamo Bay detention facility by January. The problem is, they have no plan for what to do with the terrorist detainees. These are the people who have tried to kill Americans, and they want to keep up their sinful ways by trying to kill more Americans. These are people picked up off the battlefield, sometimes hiding between children and women's skirts in villages. They were not wearing uniforms. They were not state sponsored, but they were there for a reason, and that was to kill innocent people.

For example, they use women and children for two purposes: one, to hide behind as cover, and the other reason is to murder in the name of religion. That's why they're called terrorists. They try to inflict terror and fear in all peoples.

Some of these people have been waterboarded. They gave us vital information that saved American lives. Apparently, two plots were uncovered by waterboarding. One crime was to crash a plane into a Los Angeles skyscraper and another to blow up the Brooklyn Bridge.

I wonder if the would-be victims appreciated the waterboarding?

What are we supposed to do to get this information?

But some are now to be more concerned about the treatment of Gitmo detainees than they are about potential American victims. Maybe we don't have our priorities straight. And by the way, Mr. Speaker, I have been to Gitmo, and its facilities are better than many American jails where we keep Americans.

Let's look a little bit at history. General George Washington had a very different way of dealing with folks that were captured who weren't wearing uniforms. A British spy named Major John Andre, who was a buddy of Benedict Arnold, fell into these circumstances. After surveying West Point, Benedict Arnold met with Andre and gave him a sheaf of papers outlining the state of the garrison and the arrangements that had been made for its defense at West Point. Andre removed his uniform as a senior British officer, put on a plain coat, stuffed Arnold's secret instructions into his silk stockings, and set off for New York and his headquarters. Militiamen caught up with him on the road, however, found the papers from Arnold in his boots, and turned him over to George Washington, who had him hanged. Is that better than being waterboarded?

So what do we do with these terrorists if we close Gitmo? If we take hundreds of hard-core terrorists from an isolated island like Gitmo and put them in American prisons, we expose the nearby communities, inmates, law enforcement, prison guards, officials and their families to the possibility of payback, attacks aimed at breaking them out or retaliation against the community for holding them.

If they go to an American prison, they, in all likelihood, would eventually be released into the United States. That's not good news.

We don't want them brought to Texas, by the way, Mr. Speaker. We have enough problems from the Federal Government neglecting our southern border.

Last week, in the Judiciary Committee hearing, Attorney General Holder couldn't name one State that wants these outlaws sent to them. So what are we going to do?

Are we going to reopen Alcatraz and put them there? Who knows?

Do we bring them here and try them in our Federal courts?

Mr. Speaker, if we stop and take a look at why we have separate legal systems for our citizens and for military purposes, maybe the reasons will be crystal clear even to administration lawyers: The American domestic legal system wasn't built to deal with enemies in a war. Military courts have always handled combatants captured on the battlefield.

Nonuniformed enemies in a time of war do not have the same rights under the U.S. Constitution as American citizens, at least that's what we have always thought.

So what's next? Are our soldiers going to have to warn terrorists of their Miranda Rights?

Are the Army Rangers going to need a search warrant from a Federal judge to go into an al Qaeda hideout in Afghanistan?

Will the troops need to consult a Federal lawyer and get permission to shoot back when being shot at? Now, wouldn't that be helpful.

So what is the administration going to do with these terrorists?

They have set the date of January 22, 2010, to close down Gitmo. Let's hope the administration reevaluates its decisions regarding letting these terrorists go and keep them locked up.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING STEWART WINSTEIN ON HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HARE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HARE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stewart Winstein, who turns 95 years young on May the 28th. Stewart is a giant of Rock Island County and one of the most respected leaders in my entire congressional district.

Stewart's contributions to the Quad Cities region are enough to fill up three biographies. He was the longest serving chairman in the history of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Airport Authority. In that position, he fostered unprecedented growth at the Quad City International Airport. He oversaw major expansion projects, as well as the increased security that resulted from the September 11 terrorist attacks. Through it all, Stewart was committed to providing the people of the Quad Cities with a safe, reliable, and very bustling airport. The thousands of people that fly in and out of the Quad City airport are fortunate to have had Stewart's leadership and his dedication.

From 1974 to 1978, Stewart served as president of the Rock Island County Welfare Information and Referral Services. And as if that didn't keep him busy enough, he was also public administrator, public guardian, and conservator during that time.

Amazingly, all the things I've named so far were just Stewart's extracurricular activities. His day job was being the best attorney in all of Rock Island County. Stewart is renowned for the law firm he founded with his two partners, Frank Wallace and Harrison Kavensky, nearly 50 years ago. Winstein, Kavensky & Wallace has withstood the test of time as a result of the tremendous leadership of Stewart and the outstanding service he has provided to all of his clients.

But it was in the arena of politics that I got to know Stewart so well. He is a fierce and articulate advocate of the Democratic Party and our principles. He worked tirelessly for local Democrats, including myself and my predecessor, Congressman Lane Evans. Stewart has hosted events for candidates from the White House to the courthouse at his home. He witnessed history as a delegate to the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago and attended several more in the years that followed. He served long stints as vice chairperson and treasurer of the Illinois State Democratic Central Committee.